The purpose of Chapter II is to establish the procedures to be used in the development of project concepts and environmental studies by the author. In addition to the above, it is also intended to provide other persons with a general background in the scope and operation of the Environmental and Cultural Resource Sections of the Design Division.

This chapter has been prepared to satisfy the following requirements:

- To ensure that all work is accomplished according to policies, regulations, and requirements of NDDOT and FHWA.
- To provide an understanding of the Milestone Program and project development activities.
- To provide guidance for the coordination and facilitation of development activities with other Design Sections, Divisions, Districts, FHWA, etc.
- To provide a procedural guide for accomplishing Public Involvement.
- To provide a procedural guide for accomplishing the development of Project Concept Reports.
- To provide a procedural guide for accomplishing the development of Environmental Studies and Documentation.
- To provide a procedural guide for accomplishing the review of Natural Resources and Cultural Resources.

II-01.01 Guidance Materials

The following material provides guidance for processing and developing environmental studies and documents:

- Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, 23 CFR 771, Environmental Impact and Related Procedures
- Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, 23 CFR 772, *Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise*
- Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations, 33 CFR 330, Nationwide Permit Program (Section 404 Permit)
- Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR 800, *Protection of Historic Properties*
- FHWA Technical Advisory T 6160.2, *Analysis of Highway Construction Noise*

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- FHWA Technical Advisory T 6640.8A, Guidance for Preparing and Processing Environmental and 4 (F) Documents
- FHWA Environmental Guidebook Volumes 1 and 2 (available on CD in Design Division)
- FHWA Highway Traffic Noise Analysis and Abatement Policy and Guidance
- FHWA Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model (FHWA-RD-77-108)
- NDDOT Traffic Noise Analysis and Abatement Guidance